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Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell

c/o Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WT 11-65 Proceeding

Dear Commissioners:

Here in Irving, Texas, we are proud of our ability to attract some of the country's leading business innovators and job creators. Six Fortune 500 companies operate their global headquarters here and call our great city home.

We feel strongly that Irving provides the right business climate, including access to the latest technology and telecommunications, to make us as attractive as any city in the United States for business expansion or relocation. To stay competitive, we must afford our businesses, schools and families access to new technologies and applications with consistent, quality connectivity.

The AT&T and T-Mobile merger will ensure communities like ours stay at the forefront of competitiveness. Having "no limiting beliefs" has allowed our city to keep taxes low, to pursue economic development on a significant scale and to bring positive redevelopment and infrastructure improvements to our residents and businesses.

Pursuant to strong telecommunication infrastructure goals, we fully support the AT&T and T-Mobile merger to move forward. The prospect of bringing high-speed connections to more Americans is reason enough to get behind this proposed deal. I hope the Federal Communications Commission sees the incredible potential in job creation, private investment and advancing the Administration's goal of universal wireless broadband access if this merger is allowed to move forward.

For nearly three decades, I've been involved in local community development and public service, and in this merger I see the promise of an even grander era of progress for small and large cities, rural and urban areas and all of the United States.

Herbert A. Gears  
Mayor